



Topic Name: Protecting Our Environment

Idea Title: please add city wide composting

Idea Detail: Rockville should strongly consider moving forward to city wide composting like Toronto. They get three curb-side bins (trash recycling and composting), and a kitchen scrap bin to collect their compostables.

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=5311d187c3b02410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnnextchannel=239c433112b02410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Idea Author: Leah W

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Points 15

Number of Comments 2

Comment 1: Just got an immediate response from them. It sounds like the City is currently evaluating the feasibility of food waste composting, though it is currently limited by the lack of nearby food compost processing facilities. Definitely an important discussion topic for the Master Plan update! | By Clark L

Comment 2: Thanks for the idea, Leah. I'll it to the City's Sustainability Coordinator to see what it might take! | By Clark L

Idea Title: use a green alternative to road salt

Idea Detail: This winter I saw way too much road salt being put down, this ends up in our streams and rivers, which then contributes to death of aquatic life. There are many environmentally friendly alternatives, please consider one.

Idea Author: Leah W

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Points 12

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: Encourage more surface parking lots use permeable pavement



Idea Detail: Use zoning and possible tax credits to encourage the re-paving of surface lots with permeable pavement to reduce storm water runoff.

Idea Author: Scott C

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Points 2

Number of Comments 3

Comment 1: Those are both great but I think the city should explore ways to get private developments to install it as well - say Congressional Plaza for example. I am sure there are a number of ways the city could encourage its use in these types of locations -- especially to help comply with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL requirements. | By Scott C

Comment 2: Thomas Farm is an early example of porous concrete. The Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Drive) is a more recent and improved example. | By Clark L

Comment 3: Scott C., thank you for sharing the idea for incentivized permeable pavement installations on surface parking lots. Definitely one to consider in the Environment Element! I assume you're thinking about porous concrete, which is permeable concrete aggregate, as opposed to (or possibly in addition to) permeable pavers, which are more like brick pavers with gaps for water.

If you would like to see porous concrete in action, the City installed it in the parking lot of the Thomas Farm Community Center in the Fallsgrove neighborhood (700 Fallsgrove Drive). | By Clark L

Idea Title: Slow down development...

Idea Detail: Enough building around town center already... way too much noise pollution generated both from the construction itself but even more by the hard noise reflective surfaces created so close to the train tracks. These building may eventually provide a blocking effect to the communities to the west of the buildings but it significantly increases the noise to the east by reflecting train noise directly into the neighborhood. Time to consider noise reduction as a separate project since it has been ignored in the current building permitting process.

Idea Author: R K



Number of Seconds 0

Number of Comments 0

Idea Title: We residences want a very clear recycle list .

Idea Detail: a recycle list for example a glass container with papper lable on it ,is it recyclable?

An paper envelope with plstic window is it recyclable?.....

We are confused Rockville recycle program. Please systematic each recyclable item in one sheet for senior which means enlarge letters.

Idea Author: alice C

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Comments 1

Comment 1: Alice, the City has a webpage listing which items are recyclable and non-recyclable at www.rockvillemd.gov/index.aspx?nid=1113. I believe labels are fine on glass containers and envelope plastic windows are okay, as well. There is also a brochure available to print at www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3246 listing the same information. I'm sorry the font is not larger, but you could zoom in with your web browser to make the text larger on the screen. | By Clark L

Idea Title: Explore Solar Hot Water and Photovoltaic for City properties

Idea Detail: Pretty self explanatory, but use the roof tops of city buildings to install solar hot water and photovoltaic panels to reduce energy use and reduce carbon emissions. NYC just started putting solar hot water units on city firehouses.

Idea Author: Scott C

Number of Seconds 0

Number of Comments 0

